

The Seesaw

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A seesaw consisting of a uniform board of mass M and length ℓ , supports at rest a father and daughter with masses m_f and m_d , respectively, as shown. The support (called the fulcrum) is under the center of mass of the board, the father is a distance d from the center, and the daughter is a distance $\ell/2$ from the center.

- Determine the magnitude of the upward force \vec{n} exerted by the support on the board.
- Determine where the father should sit to balance the system at rest.

